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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Utility Application of:
Kazunobu Maruo et al.

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For: OLIGOMER-MODIFIED LAYERED
INORGANIC COMPOUNDS AND THEIR USE
IN NANOCOMPOSITES

Examiner: V. M. Nerangis

AMENDMENT AFTER RCE

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.